

CHAPTER FOUR

CONSULTATION WITH OTHERS

INTRODUCTION

This chapter lists the Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team members and other specialists who provided supporting documentation for the DEIS/FEIS. It also describes the public involvement process and summarizes the information received during scoping.

CHANGES BETWEEN DRAFT AND FINAL

Chapter 4 has been revised since the publication of the DEIS to include the names of: additional IDT members participating in the project; additional members of the public who participated in meetings following the publication of the DEIS; and individuals receiving copies of the FEIS.

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CONSULTATION WITH TRIBES

On April 4, 2003, a letter describing the proposal of multiple activities to eradicate tui chub, improve water quality, and improve the recreational fishery at Diamond Lake was sent to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, and Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. The Umpqua National Forest has sent a cover letter with the quarterly copies of the SOPA to each of the Tribes. Each quarter, the cover letter highlights new projects and projects that may be of interest to the Tribes. Under the treaties with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, and Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, no trust resources or reserved treaty rights are given for the lands managed by the Umpqua National Forest.

On January 14, 2004, the Forest tribal liaison (Debra Barner) telephoned Mr. Robert Kentta, Cultural Preservation Specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, and Ms. Connie Shultz, Cultural Preservation Specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and left a voice mail requesting to “know whether they had received enough information on the Forest program in general”. No response from either tribe was received.

On January 16, 2004, in a meeting with Mrs. Sue Shaffer, Tribal chair for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Forest tribal liaison asked if the Tribe was getting enough information on activities in the Forest. Mrs. Shaffer responded that the Tribe was getting enough information concerning projects on the Forest. On February 10, 2004, in a

discussion with Mr. Jack Ansures, Cultural Committee chair for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, on various Forest activities, the Forest tribal liaison asked if he supported the restoration of Diamond Lake and he responded that he did support restoring the lake and the alternatives selected. In a meeting on February 13, 2004, with Mrs. Shaffer, Mr. Ron Yockim (Attorney for the Tribe on Federal undertakings), and the Forest Supervisor, the project was discussed and Mr. Yockim indicated support for the project. No other input has been received.

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DIAMOND LAKE RESTORATION PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Public involvement to assist the Forest Service in developing the framework of the proposed action for the Diamond Lake Restoration project began in the fall of 2002. Four public forums, eight presentations to special interest groups, electronic distribution of presentations to nine interest groups, a technical meeting with actively interested publics, and multiple public mailings were all components of the early public involvement process for the project. Notes from these meetings are incorporated by reference into this document and are on file at the North Umpqua Ranger District. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde were each notified by mail on April 4, 2003 about the upcoming Diamond Lake project. No responses were received from the tribes. The concerns and information raised from this early involvement process helped the Forest Service to formulate the proposed action.

Formal scoping (a process used to surface issues) began with publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in the April 25, 2003 Federal Register. The media, 21 actively interested members of the public, and the 303 members of the public who were on the project mailing list received the NOI and/or additional project information. The NOI was posted on the Umpqua National Forest internet website and the project was first listed in the April 2003 Umpqua National Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA). A revised NOI was published on November 19, 2003 when ODFW and ODEQ joined as Cooperating Agencies on the DEIS. A revised NOI was also published on February 06, 2004 to inform the public that a non-significant amendment to

the Umpqua National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan would be completed for this project.

Numerous area radio and television stations and newspapers published articles about the project. A public meeting announcement was completed on May 19 by issuing a press release to the media and distributing a public mailing to the project mailing list. A public meeting soliciting scoping comments was held in Roseburg at the Douglas County Library on May 27th; thirty people attended that meeting. The formal scoping period ended on May 30, 2003, however, all input received was considered regardless of timelines. In total, 63 letters were received during formal project scoping. Scoping comments ranged from advocacy for the immediate rotenone treatment of Diamond Lake to complete opposition to the use of any chemical. Numerous comments were focused on concerns for water quality, ODFW fish stocking strategies, recreational opportunities, and the long-term future of the lake. A detailed summary of the scoping comments received is located in the Project Record and is available on request.

Public involvement in the project continued throughout development of the DEIS. Press releases and/or public mailings were distributed to solicit public participation in meetings. Media coverage was extensive. Articles were submitted to and published in a professional newsletter, *Lake Wise* (Oregon Lakes Association). Field trips, media days, and presentations to internal (i.e. Forest Service specialists) and external groups (i.e. Oregon Invasive Species Council) were hosted.

On June 30th, 2003 the public was invited to attend a meeting of the Diamond Lake Working Group that featured guest speakers with experience in eradicating unwanted fish species; one person attended that meeting. On July 22 and 23, 2003, the public was invited to attend a joint meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team and the Diamond Lake Working Group. The meeting featured a panel of invited experts in lake management who assisted the group in evaluating potential alternatives for the restoration of Diamond Lake. On September 3, 2003 a public meeting was held in Medford, Oregon. The meeting focused on describing and discussing project Alternatives and determining if the public felt an adequate range of alternatives had been compiled; 19 people attended that meeting. Meetings covering the same topics were held on September 4, 2003 in Roseburg with 15 members of the public in attendance and on October 7, 2003 in Eugene with five members of the public attending. On November 10, 2003 a technical meeting and discussion was held in Eugene with members of the National Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Oregon Natural Resources Council and Cascadia Wildlands. On February 2, 2004 the public was invited to a Diamond Lake Working Group meeting that focused on determining whether the public supported identification of a Preferred Alternative for the DEIS; 11 members of the public attended. Jim Caplan identified Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative for publication in the DEIS.

The 45-day Public Comment period for the Diamond Lake Restoration Project DEIS opened on April 2, 2004 and closed on May 17, 2004. Public comments and public involvement after the comment period are addressed in Chapter 5, but meeting dates and public outreach are documented below for the reader's convenience.

In April 2004, the Forest Service and members of the Diamond Lake Work Group produced a project update for broad distribution to the public. The update described project alternatives, solicited public comments on the DEIS and documented the Agency's willingness and availability to meet with members of the public regarding the project. Approximately 30,000 copies of the project update were distributed via publication in

area newspapers, postal mailings, or direct distribution from state, federal, and private offices. In addition, in late April 2004, phone or email contact was made with thirty-eight representatives of area interest groups/organizations that had expressed interest in the project during previous scoping.

Public involvement continued as the IDT began analyzing comments received on the DEIS. On June 09, 2004, members of the DL Work Group and IDT met via conference call with rotenone expert Brian Finlayson to solicit recommendations on improving the potential effectiveness of a chemical treatment. On June 14, 2004 Joel Bleth, SolarBee/Pump Systems Inc. presented and discussed his company's recommendations for water quality improvement at Diamond Lake during a meeting with the Diamond Lake Working Group and members of the IDT. On June 18, 2004, information on potential inconveniences associated with the preferred alternative was forwarded to Diamond Lake summer home owners. On June 22, 2004 the IDT met with Portland State University faculty to discuss recommendations for improving the project. On the weekend of July 4, 2004 representatives of the Forest Service and ODFW met with Special Use Permittees at Diamond Lake to answer questions about the project.

In response to comments on the DEIS by ODFW (Cooperating Agency), members of the public, and the IDT, a fifth alternative was designed for incorporation into the FEIS. This alternative utilizes a modified rotenone treatment and fish stocking strategy. Potential effects of Alternative 5 are very similar to Alternatives 2 and 3 and either of these alternatives could have been modified to include changes proposed under Alternative 5. However, due to the high level of public interest in this project and for purposes of full disclosure, the Forest Service chose to include and analyze Alternative 5 as a separate alternative in the FEIS as authorized by 40 CFR 1503.4(a) and FSH 1909.15(24.1). Information relevant to Alternative 5 was distributed to the public and a public meeting was held at the Douglas County Library on August 10, 2004. On September 20, 2004 the Diamond Lake Work Group and IDT held an additional public meeting to discuss Alternative 5, completion of the FEIS, and concerns of the public regarding delays in the project. On October 12, 2004, the Forest Service received a letter from Umpqua Watersheds, Umpqua Valley Audubon, and the Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC) requesting consideration of a sixth alternative for incorporation into the FEIS. Alternative 6 was very similar to the existing Alternative 4. Per the request of these groups, the Forest Service met to discuss their proposal with them on October 20, 2004. A public meeting to discuss Alternative 6 was held on October 25, 2004. At this meeting, Jim Caplan decided to incorporate agreed upon aspects of Alternative 6 into DEIS Alternative 4. On October 28, 2004, the Forest Service and ODFW again met with Alternative 6 proponents to refine and finalize Alternative 4, again as authorized by 40 CFR 1503.4(a) and FSH 1909.15(24.1). ONRC representatives did not attend any of the meetings documented above. During the month of November 2004, the Forest Service has received multiple letters from various members of the public requesting that the Agency expedite and complete the NEPA process.